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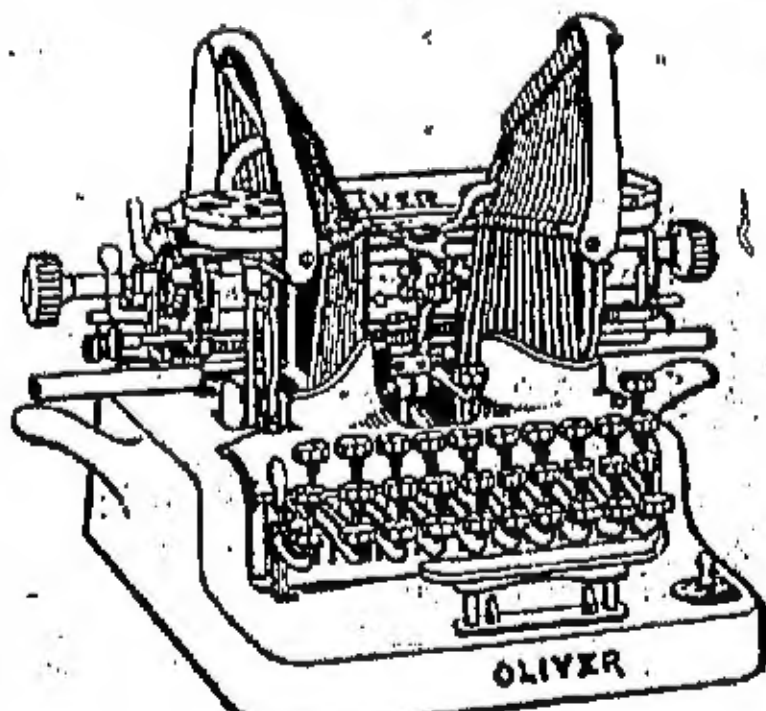
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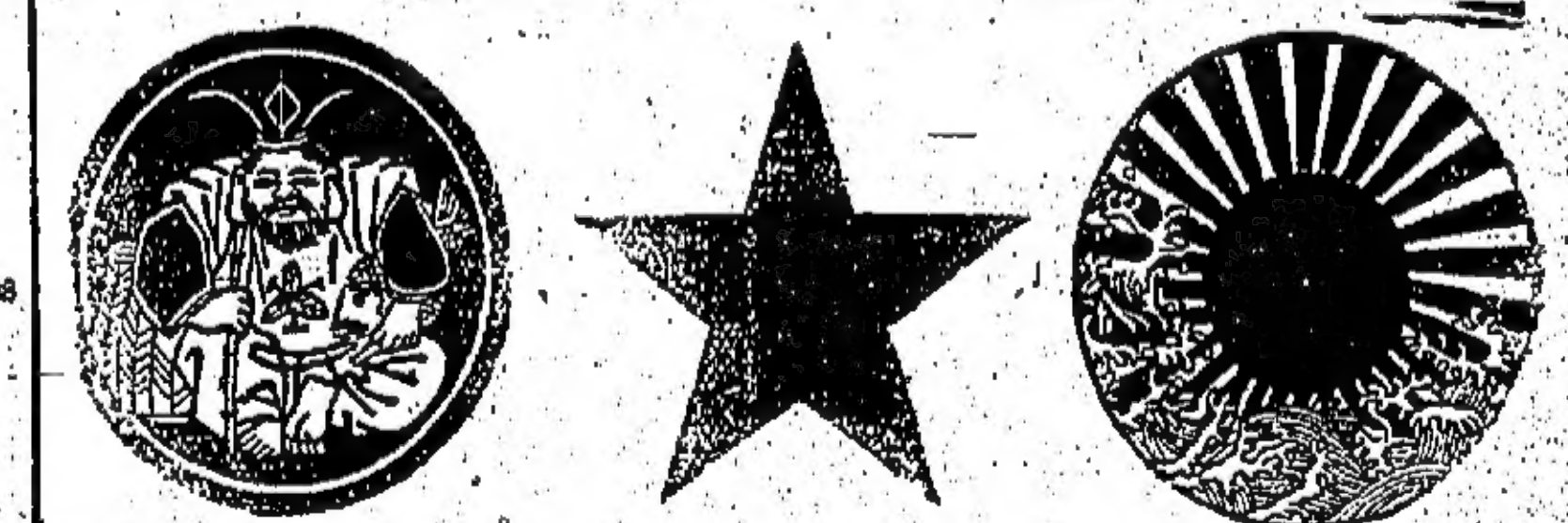
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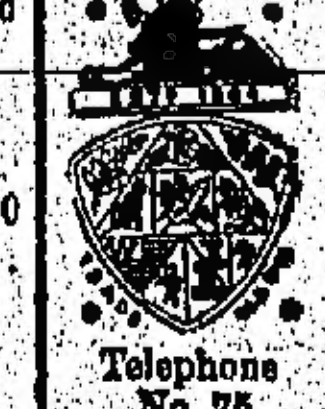
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Bellios.—On 9th Nov., at Wimbledon,

wife of D. A. Bellios, M.R.C.S.,

L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Lond.), Daughter.

DEATHS.

CARTER.—On 6th Nov., at Banchory,

George, son of late W. H. Carter, of

Shanghai.

WRIGHT.—On December 8th, at the

Shanghai General Hospital, Harry

Wright, Chief Officer of the China

Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's

steamer "Poochi" from pneumonia, aged

60 years.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Mechanical Toys

& Dolls, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales

Room.

Meeting.

6 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket

Club at Club Pavilion.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Monday, December 9.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Works of

Art, at City Hall (St. Andrew's).

Goods per *Armande* being unclaimed after

this date at Noon will be subject to

rent and landing charges.

Wednesday, December 11.—

5 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,

at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales

Rooms.

9.15 p.m.—Concert at St. George's Hall.

Goods per *Delhi* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Nippon* undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1907.

MR BALFOUR AND FISCAL

REFORM.

When, last month, it was reported by

cable that a great Unionist meeting at

Birmingham, at which Mr Balfour was

present, had declared unequivocally for

fiscal reform we expressed the belief

that Mr Balfour had burned his boats

and had irretrievably committed him-

self to the only policy which can con-

solidate the Unionist forces. London

papers just to hand contain full reports

of Mr Balfour's great speech at the

Birmingham gathering. It certainly

was a great speech. It was more, it was

an eminently clever speech. In his own

party were many who were disgusted

with his apparent dislike to express

approval of the policy of fiscal reform.

They had no reason to complain of any

indefiniteness in their leader's utterance

on this occasion. Mr Balfour, in specific

terms, laid it down that the first con-

structive policy of the Unionist party

was: to extend the basis of taxation,

protecting our productive industries

from unfair foreign competition; in-

creasing our powers of negotiation with

foreign countries; establishing prefer-

ential trade within the Empire and thus

securing an advantage for British pro-

ducers and workmen over the foreigner

in Colonial markets. This is now the

policy of the Unionist party under the

guidance of a leader who has declared

that he is enthusiastically in favour of

making it the issue at the elections.

Where Mr Balfour showed his character-

istic astuteness was in his reference to

the effect of this policy upon the pockets

of the poorer classes. After speaking

of the general effect of fiscal reform

upon the country he said: "I never

have and never will consent to bind

myself to taxation on any import what-

ever which will augment the pro-

portion of taxation paid by the work-

ingman." This statement should dis-

pose of all the big leaf and

little leaf talk. The leader of the

Unionist party has pledged his political

honour that fiscal reform shall not

operate to the disadvantage of the poorer

classes of Great Britain. Such a pledge

could quite safely be given, as fiscal

reform would lead to a great increase of

employment and a general raising of

wages. It may be remarked incidentally

that the adoption of such a policy would

further result in British shipping being

protected against subsidised rivals.

Once the theory of preference is ad-

mitted, and is now one of the articles of

Unionist faith, it must necessarily be

applied to the greatest of all our indus-

tries. When the Unionist party comes

into power it may be that British ships

will receive preferential treatment in

British ports. Reverting to Mr Balfour's

speech it will be seen that he has now

gone too far to withdraw, even if he

wished to do so. The issue before the

elector at the next general election will

be clear, and, though it may be too much

to expect that the Unionists will out-

their adversaries at the first attempt

the prospects of success will be much

brighter now than perfect accord and

trust reign between the leader and the

led.

The promoters of the recent carnival

are, eminently business-like in their

methods. Mr Ho Kom Tong, the Hon.

Treasurer, has forwarded us a balance

sheet which shows that the total amount

at the disposal of the promoters, that is

to say subscribed by the guilds and

others, was \$29,416.69. The expenses

amounted in all to \$10,706.50 and the

balance was distributed thus: Alice

Memorial Hospital \$1,000; Ya-Ma-Ti

Hospital \$4,000. Public Dispensaries

\$4,710.10. The promoters are to be

congratulated upon the success of their

attempt to give financial support to the

worthy institutions which have bene-

fitted.

A couple of days ago His Excellency

the Canton Viceroy issued a proclama-

tion to the people of the province

relating to the present crisis. It is

amusing to read the smooth way in

which he deals with the matter, and one

would think that nothing of importance

had taken place. He first of all tells

them that Great Britain are living in

very friendly relationship with China,

almost in fact as closely united as

Chinese brothers. Then, when he refers

to the cause of the trouble, he points out

that though the British ships are at

present inside the mouth of the delta,

and are in fact in the inland waters,

they are there not to search for pirates

among the Chinese boats but only to

search the ships that fly the British flag.

It would seem as if he wished to inform

the people, as was hinted before by our

correspondent, that the Viceroy would

imply that pirates are supposed to be

flying the British flag, otherwise the

British would not go to all this expense

and trouble in order to search them out

and arrest them. But whilst the

Viceroy tells the people these things, he

is also wise enough to tell them to keep

themselves in hand and neither to allow

themselves nor their followers to commit

any infringement of the law, nor stir up

any strife. Whilst they keep themselves

to talking and to spending their money

on sending telegrams nothing serious

may be apprehended. They are warned

seriously enough against allowing their

feelings to carry them to any extreme.

There is nothing in the proclamation as

to the real intent of the British Govern-

ment, which is, we believe, to induce the

Chinese to concede to their demand,

and pay an indemnity for the piracy on

the British ship *Sainam*. It is whis-

pered in well-informed circles that this

is the ultimate purpose of the British

Government, and if this indemnity were

paid the destroyers would be at once

withdrawn. If this is so nothing

appears to indicate this in the edict.

Indeed, it is published with a view to

minimize the importance of the action

of the British, and to make them appear

rather small in the eyes of Chinese

readers. They have taken all this

trouble in order to seek for robbers and

pirates among the crews flying the

British flag.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The next monthly Masonic dance

takes place on Friday, 3rd January, tickets

for which may now be had from the hon.

secretary, Mr J. J. Blake.

Another boycott! The officials and

natives of Kiri have written to Changchun

and Mukden to boycott Japanese goods,

regarding the Kanto question.

The s.s

